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REMARKS

Sentences have been added to paragraphs [0028] and [0029] strictly based upon the clear disclosure in Figs. 7-10. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 has been amended to more precisely describe pivotal connection of the hanger and the positioning of the loop to hold an article directly below the base. Support for the language added to claim 1 is, at least, inherently found in Figs. 7-10.

Allowable claim 6 was rewritten in independent format as claim 18.

Method claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as fully met by Montero U.S. Patent No. 2,473,086. Reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

As amended, claim 1 clearly distinguishes Montero in requiring the pivotal connection to permit rotation about a single axis in a plane parallel to the bottom of the base. This feature and the shape of the hanger insure that the loop will be positioned directly below the base when the base is on the table surface. Note that the universal connect of the hanger to the base in Montero and the articulated hanger will permit the hanger hook 18 to be positioned outside of the base 10 creating a precarious situation. (See Figs. 2 and 3 of Montero.)

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is urged this case is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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